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Nuclear Disarmament

Finland introduced a proposal on increased transparency of tactical nuclear weapons in the Chairman's paper of the first Preparatory Committee session (page 19 of the Preparatory Committee report). In the light of several encouraging developments since then and the comments received, we consider it appropriate to revise our proposal with a slightly broader text* as follows:

The States parties

- underline the vital importance of the announcements by the United States and the Russian Federation that they would unilaterally implement reductions in their non-strategic nuclear weapons, and the follow-on to these announcements, which contributes to positive international climate and increased security of all States parties,

- welcome, in these context, the joint statement on parameters on future reductions in nuclear forces issued in Helsinki on 21 March 1997,

- recognize the value of increased openness achieved through the information provided by the nuclear weapons states in the course of the NPT review process on steps they have taken or are taking in nuclear disarmament,

- support the objective of increased transparency regarding withdrawal from operational use and dismantlement of short-range nuclear weapons in the context of the Preparatory Committee recommendations on nuclear weapons.

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* Replaces old text on page 19 (first dot) in the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session (NPT/CONF.2000/PC.I/32).